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TO: Town Manager

Board of Selectmen

FROM: Angus Jennings AICP, Director of Land Use Management

DATE: March 8, 2012

RE: Planning Board recommendations on Earth Removal Warrant Article

At their March 5, 2012, meeting, the Planning Board voted the following recommendations on proposed amendments to be considered at the Annual Town Meeting beginning on March 24, 2012:

Zoning Warrant Article

ARTICLE 34: Amend Chapter 173, Section 9.3, 9.4 and 10.2

Citizen Petition

The Board did not take a vote on Article 34 as it appears in the Warrant. The Board will deliberate further in a continued public hearing scheduled for March 19, 2012, at 7:50 PM.

Non-Zoning Warrant Article

ARTICLE 30: Amendments to Chapter 90: Earth Removal Bylaw Planning Board

The Board recommends that the threshold for Planning Board review of Earth Special Permit be set at 1,000 cubic yards. The Planning Board reviewed a staff summary of Earth Removal regulations from surrounding towns, and heard comments from professional engineers related to such a threshold. I've attached the memo that was in the Planning Board's packet for your reference.

Attachment: March 2, 2012 Memorandum to Planning Board from Angus Jennings

cc: Ellen Harde, Town Moderator

Planning Board

Kaari Tari, Town Clerk